

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/661,590

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 09 August 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Stern.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: applicant proposed an amendment to claim 1 and alleged that the proposed amendment is patentable over Stern. applicant further alleged that a text image is not an image. applicant asked the Examiner to consider the patentability of the proposed amendment, however, the proposed amendment requires further consideration and/or search which cannot be performed after the final rejection. applicant needs to file a continuation and actually submit an amendment into the record along with written reasons supporting the patentability of the amended claim in order to receive consideration.

Proposed Amendments to the Claims:

The following is a representative independent claim including a proposed amendment:

1. (Currently Amended) An image retrieval system that retrieves static image data associated with video data, comprising:

a video data comprising a plurality of static image data;

an input unit that accepts an input keyword;

an extraction unit that extracts the static image data from the video data and extracts a character string contained ~~in~~ in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; ~~and~~

a retrieval unit that matches the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image ~~data~~ data; *and*

a display unit that displays the retrieved static image data as a list of images.